

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6 and 7 are amended, and claim 11 is added. Reconsideration of the present application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,013,339 to Yamada. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

None of the applied art disclose a liquid crystal device, comprising: a member disposed at a position corresponding to the sealing material, the member at least partially blocking ultraviolet rays so that the photocurable component at portions of the sealing material that correspond to the member has a curing rate of less than 60%, as claimed in claim 1, and similarly claimed in claims 6 and 7.

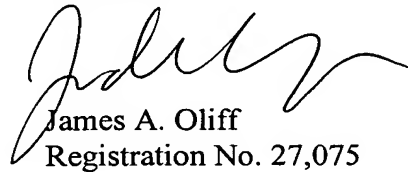
Yamada discloses a seal material 3, spacer material 2, substrates 12A, 12B and liquid crystal 13 (Figs. 5 and 8); that by using a seal material including an ultraviolet ray curing type component and a thermosetting type component, ultraviolet ray curing to provide a curing ratio of 60% or more of the ultraviolet ray curing resin in the seal material (with a particle type thermosetting agent, and the curing ratio is 50% or more), and thermosetting to increase the curing ratio to 80% or more of the curing resin in the seal material, a liquid crystal display panel having a good display property can be obtained (col. 15, lines 66-col. 16, line 9). However, Yamada does not disclose a member blocking ultraviolet rays so that the photocurable component at portions of the sealing material has a curing rate of less than 60%.

For at least this reason, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 6 and 7 are distinguishable over the applied art. Moreover, those claims that depend from claim 1 are likewise distinguishable over the applied art for at least the reasons discussed above, as well as for additional features they recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under §103 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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